

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 17, 2014

The Substandard Buildings Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on **Monday, March 17, 2014 at 5:30** p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Athens City Hall Annex with the following members present to-wit:

Tere Lawyer
Billy Murphree
Tim Jones
Tilo Galvan

Sheila Garrett, Public Health & Safety Coordinator
Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development
Ronnie Denton, Fire Marshall

with the following member absent: Will Traxson;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lawyer.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2014 REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Murphree, seconded by Member Galvan to accept the February 17, 2014 Regular Session as written. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 401 ST. JOSEPH, LOT 22, BLOCK 1 - FAIRVIEW SUBDIVISION OWNER NELLIE BROWN C/O JOHNNY ANDREWS

Property owners were not present. Sheila Garrett, Public Health & Safety Coordinator, informed the Commission that the property owner and family were notified of the meeting, and were also mailed an estimate for the City to demolish the structure as requested by the family at last months' meeting without any response from the family. Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that a sign with "For Sale \$2500" with a phone number has been posted on the structure. Ms. Garrett stated that Ordinance #0-12-11 Securing of Vacant and Substandard Structures states if a property is posted with a "For Sale by Owner" or by a licensed real estate professional, the owner has six-months to sell the property before action can be taken by the Commission.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 401 ST. JOSEPH, LOT 22, BLOCK 1 - FAIRVIEW SUBDIVISION OWNER NELLIE BROWN C/O JOHNNY ANDREWS

A motion was made by Member Murphree, seconded by Member Galvan to table item for the six-month period to allow for sale of property. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 207 LAIRD LANE, LOT 7, BLOCK 23 - PARK HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION OWNER EULA VAUGHN C/O MARY DOBBS

Mary Dobbs and Mickie Dinger, the property owner's daughters, were present and informed the Commission the house belongs to their mother, who had a stroke two years ago and that their mother would not be returning to the house. Chairman Lawyer ask what their intentions are to bring the structure up to the standard with the Ordinance. Ms. Dinger stated they weren't sure at this time, as this was all new to them, and wanted to explore their options of selling the house in its current condition or making repairs on the structure before selling. Ms. Dinger and Ms. Dobbs requested time to discuss these options with their mother before making a decision.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 207 LAIRD LANE, LOT 7, BLOCK 23 - PARK HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION
OWNER EULA VAUGHN C/O MARY DOBBS**

After a discussion, a motion was made by Member Murphree, seconded by Member Galvan to table this item for thirty (30) days and to be re-addressed at next months meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 318 MITCHELL, LOT 9, BLOCK 2 - COLLEGE VIEW SUBDIVISION
OWNER MARY THERESA DUNCAN**

Brian Duncan, the property owner's son, was present and stated he was here to see what is needed to bring the structure up to the standard of the Ordinance at this time. Mr. Duncan stated they plan on renovating the structure and already have the sheet rock for the interior of the house. Chairman Lawyer stated that the structure needed to be secured from public access immediately by boarding the windows and the doors until the renovations are made. Mr. Duncan said understands and that he would do that as soon as possible.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
318 MITCHELL, LOT 9, BLOCK 2 - COLLEGE VIEW SUBDIVISION
OWNER MARY THERESA DUNCAN**

A motion was made by Member Murphree, seconded by Member Galvan to allow property owner thirty (30) days to board and secure the structure from public access. The motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

**(Citizens appearing during this item will be allowed to present their concern,
however, members of the Substandard Building Commission are prohibited
from entering into deliberation and the item may be referred to a future agenda
for discussion.)**

There were none and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th DAY OF APRIL 2014.

Tere Lawyer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sheila Garrett